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Freedom Fighters Pension

*518. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA:
SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for freedom fighters pension received upto July, 1991 from various States, State-wise;

(b) the number of applications disposed of and pending finalisation, State-wise;

(c) the measures taken by the Government for expeditious disposal of pending applications;

(d) the amount being spent on such pension annually;

(e) whether the existence of bogus freedom fighters have come to the notice of the Government from any State; and

(f) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) A Tabular statement is enclosed.

(c) In respect of part (c) of the Question, it is stated that the applications pending disposal have been received after expiry of last date prescribed for receipt of applications i.e. 31.3.1982. Delayed applications are liable for summary rejection unless they are accompanied with documentary evidence from official records in support of the claimed suffering. Special drives are launched from time to time to clear the pending applications.

(d) The amount spent on pensions during 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 was Rs. 61,94,77,000/-, Rs. 64,37,43,000/- and Rs. 93,04,01,000/- respectively.

(e) and (f) Some cases of non-genuine persons applying for freedom fighters' pension on the basis of fabricated forged documents have come to the notice of the Government. Such cases are got investigated through the state Governments and Central Agencies. After investigation, if the applicant is not found genuine, and/or eligible for pension under the Freedom Fighters' Pension Scheme, pension is cancelled.

STATEMENT

State-wise break-up of applications received, their disposal and pendency as on 31-7-1991

S.No.	Name of State/ Union Territory	Applications received	Applications Disposed of	Applications pending
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Assam	26,886	26,813	73
2.	Andhra Pradesh	39,133	33,525	5,608
3.	Bihar	1,15,171	1,14,748	423
4.	Gujarat	6,838	6,720	118
5.	Goa	3,357	3,346	11
6.	Haryana	6,287	6,242	45
7.	Himachal Pradesh	4,179	4,129	50
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	10,735	10,708	27
9.	Karnataka	20,448	18,783	1,665
10.	Kerala	52,470	52,412	58
11.	Madhya Pradesh	4,747	4,747	Nil
12.	Maharashtra	39,748	39,017	731
13.	Manipur	686	686	Nil
14.	Meghalaya	159	159	Nil
15.	Mizoram	8	8	Nil
16.	Nagaland	22	22	Nil
17.	Orissa	15,936	15,878	58
18.	Punjab	29,764	29,722	42
19.	Rajasthan	5,097	5,062	35
20.	Tamil Nadu	22,521	22,426	95
21.	Tripura	3,463	3,446	17

1.	2	3	4	5
22.	Uttar Pradesh	40,181	40,075	106
23.	West Bengal	79,135	79,108	27
24.	Chandigarh	152	141	11
25.	Delhi	5,321	5,272	49
26.	Pondicherry	1,918	1,901	17
27.	A. & N. Islands	98	91	7
28.	Arunachal Pradesh	41	41	Nil
	TOTAL	5,34,503	5,25,230	9,273

[English]

Agro-based Industries

*519. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR KANODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance given to each State/Union Territory for setting up of agro-based industries during the last three years;

(b) the number of agro-based industries sanctioned and established, State-wise during the above period;

(c) whether any State Government has sought additional financial assistance from the Union Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) There is no scheme of financial assistance to States/Union Territories by the Central Government except on a limited scale, mainly for the Boards and Corporations set up by the Government for promotion of these industries. Some assistance of this kind has been given by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, during the last three years, as per details given in the attached Statements I, II and III.

(b) Majority of agro based industries are set up in the small scale and tiny sectors. They do not require any sanction or licence for this purpose. Their registration is done at the level of State Governments. As per information available with Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries, number of such units, set up during three years upto 1988-89 is given in the attached Statement-IV.

(c) and (d) NCDC has received request from 11 States for additional financial assistance of about Rs. 36.75 crores for 20 agro-processing projects which includes 8 Sugar factories, 7 oilseed mills and 5 other processing projects. An additional assistance of Rs. 20.77 crores has already been sanctioned against these proposals. Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Department of Small Scale & Rural & Agro Industries Departments, who also deal with such assistance did not receive any proposals for additional assistance.

STATEMENT—I

Financial Assistance given to each State/UT's by NCDC during the last three years

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No	State/U T	Years		
		1988-89	1989-90	1990-9
1.	Andhra Pradesh	548.372	322.375	2361.977
2.	Assam	640.825	175.787	701.400
3.	Bihar	—	5.776	—
4.	Gujarat	13.285	42.000	—
5.	Haryana	45.450	708.25	—
6.	Himachal Pradesh	—	2.00	0.365
7.	J & K	78.260	63.264	106.836
8.	Karnataka	1097.900	280.365	1379.105
9.	Kerala	925.850	748.863	1439.068
10.	Madhya Pradesh	1983.948	899.781	1481.142